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SUBJECT: JA-14 CURRENT TRENDS IN AMERICAN LITERATURE

1. POST REQUESTS A NOTED AMERICAN LITERARY FIGURE AS AN AMERICAN SPECIALIST TO CONTINUE THE SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS WE HAVE HAD WITH JOHN GARDNER, EDWARD ALBEE AND WILLIAM GADDIS.

2. TIMING: SINCE WE HAVE HAD SOME DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING THE PERSONS WE WANT FOR THIS PROGRAM DUE TO UNIVERSITY OR OTHER COMMITMENTS, WE SUGGEST A TWO TO THREE WEEK PERIOD, EITHER JUNE/JULY 1977 OR MID-SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1977.

3. THE AMSPEC SHOULD BE ABLE TO RELATE HIS/HER WORK TO THE SOCIETY OF THE U.S. WE EXPECT PROGRAMS TO BE WITH SPECIALISTS AND NON-SPECIALISTS, NECESSITATING FLEXIBILITY ON THE PART OF THE GRANTEE WHEN MEETING WITH A VARIETY OF INDIVIDUALS. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE PRIMARILY FROM ACADEMIA, WRITERS, AND MEDIA, BUT WILL INCLUDE OTHER AUDIENCE CATEGORIES.

4. FOLLOWING ARE SOME NAMES THAT WE CONSIDER AS POSSIBLE CANDIDATES: SAUL BELLOW, JOYCE CAROL OATES, JOHN UPDIKE, EL. DOCTOROW, TOM WOLFE, JOAN DIDION,
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ROSS MCDONALD, JAMES DICKEY, WILLIAM GASS, NEIL SIMON. OBVIOUSLY THESE ARE NOT ALL INCLUSIVE AND WOULD APPRECIATE THE REACTION OF CU AND ICS.

5. WE WOULD LIKE AN EARLY REPLY TO PERMIT EARLY DEVELOPMENT OF THIS PROGRAM WHICH IF POSSIBLE WILL INCLUDE CONTACT WITH LOCAL PUBLISHERS TO ENCOURAGE

TRANSLATIONS OF THE SELECTEE'S WORKS IF NOT ALREADY
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